

## THE TRUNK TRAGEDY.

Custody of Adsets Troublesome.

## Complications Likely.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

CHEROO, August 18.

The American cruiser Galveston, whereon Adsets, the alleged murderer of Miss Gertrude Dayton, at Hongkong, is confined as a prisoner, having been ordered to cruise, the British Consul-General here wired to Wei-hai-wei for a guard for the Consulate gaol, so that the suspect could be effectively guarded.

The naval authorities at Wei-hai-wei at once despatched the British gunboat Clio to Chefoo with a guard, but on arrival there it was suddenly announced that the sailing of the Galveston had been countermanded.

In consequence of this it was decided that the British guard was unnecessary and the Clio returned to Wei-hai-wei, Adsets remaining a prisoner on the Galveston.

Up-to-date nothing has been made known here regarding the probable attitude of America on the question of Adsets' control, but the American Consul-General is aware that important telegrams have passed between the U.S. Minister at Peking and Washington.

The belief here is that complications will ensue.

## An Official Wire.

An official telegram was received at the Colonial Secretary's office on Saturday which announced that Adsets had been handed over to the British Consulate. However, our telegram shows that this announcement was somewhat premature, as Adsets is still on board the Galveston, or was at the time our telegram left for Hongkong. It would seem, however, that applications for the delivery up of Adsets have already been made and we may expect important news at any moment now. That complications are expected will only tend to deepen the interest which is still being manifested in this case. It is seldom that the community of Hongkong has been so uniformly stirred as it has been in this instance.

## THE EXTRADITION QUESTION.

A further examination into the question of extradition which has been raised with regard to the return of Adsets, who is suspected of having committed the murder of Gertrude Dayton, on the authority of Sir Francis Figgott (in his volume on Extritoriality) that the *Fugitive Offenders Act* does not apply to a foreigner who has taken refuge in China.

It is clearly stated, on page 98 of the volume mentioned, that in the extension of the act the fundamental principle of Consular Jurisdiction requires it to be limited to British subjects. Even then, however, the fugitive would not be surrendered until the expiration of fifteen days from the time of his commitment to prison, and the fugitive has a right during that period to apply for a writ of *habeas corpus* or like process. For the purposes of allowing for the production of the specially endorsed warrant, which is necessary before the fugitive can be handed over, provision is made for remanding him for one week from time to time, but of course that question does not now apply.

According to what we gather from our telegram published on Saturday the fugitive was arrested under a warrant from the American Consulate at Chefoo and by American policemen, who handed him over to the commander of the Galveston. It is the doubt of extradition from the Galveston which is the burning question of the hour, and upon this subject His Lordship the Chief Justice writes instructively in Part 2 of his work on "Nationality."

## SICKNESS COMES WHEN LEAST EXPECTED.

A LITTLE forethought may save you no end of trouble. Any one who makes it a rule to keep Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand knows this to be a fact. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

## THE DOCK MEETING.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, was held in the Company's offices at noon.

Mr H. P. White was in the chair and there were also present:—The Hon. Mr. H. Kewick, Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs A. Fuchs, W. Holmes, A. Haupt, D. W. Craddock, G. H. Medhurst, and S. Silverstone (Directors), R. Mitchell (Acting Chief Manager), Thos. L. Ross (Secretary), J. P. Braga, Chou Leop Choe, W. E. Clarke, F. E. Ellis, E. George, J. W. Graham, Ho Fook, W. C. Jack, Lo Cheung Shiu, E. J. Moses, T. Skinner and H. P. Smith.

The notice convening the meeting having been read, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, it will be observed that we have adopted a slightly different form in stating our accounts for this half year, and as the statement, together with the report, have been in your hands for some days, I will, with your permission, follow our usual course, take them as read. The net profits for the half year ending 30th June, 1907, amount to \$401,390.82, and this amount includes the sum of \$34,850, the difference between the book value of the tug Robert Cooke, and the amount realised under insurance policies. For purpose of comparison I may mention that our net profit for the six months ending 31st December, 1906, amounted to \$363,690.36, and \$403,256.44 for the corresponding period last year. Including the \$400,933.74, balance brought forward from last account, and deducting directors' and auditors' fees we have available for appropriation the sum of \$791,580.56, and subject to your concurrence, we propose to pay a dividend for the half year of 8% or \$4.00 per share, absorbing \$200,000.00, place a further \$100,000.00 to the credit of No. 1 dock extension account and carry forward the balance \$491,580.56 to a new account, and we trust this distribution of profits will meet with your approval. It may be thought by some shareholders that the amount carried forward is unduly large, but I would remind you, gentlemen, that my predecessor in the chair in February, 1905, informed you that we had in view an extension to the boiler shop, and this work you will gather from the report is about to be proceeded with. The numerous orders that we have in hand for steam vessels proves the necessity for this extension. It is proposed to enclose the land at the back, the purchase of which was completed last year, and to remove the old structures, time offices and sundry out-buildings to the new ground, so as to leave space for the addition to the boiler shop, and we have provided in the additional amount carried forward a sum sufficient to cover this expenditure. The value of material on hand is about the same as in the last account, and you will be pleased to note that the amount due to sundry creditors is smaller by \$434,355.46, though the reduction is partly due to the amount received from the underwriters on account of the Robert Cooke. Under existing circumstances your directors are of opinion that the figures before you may be considered satisfactory. After fully six months' trial of the conversion of the sawmill to electric drive, our sawmiller reports that an increased output of 40 per cent. is attained, and it is proposed to install a large frame saw, and to convert a hand-power crane to electric drive, so that the sawmill may be on a par for efficiency with the other sections of the works. We are now beginning to get the full benefit of the electric power drive and the output approaches the capacity of the plant. The tonnage of British and Foreign men-of-war docked during the past six months shows a falling off, but on the other hand I am pleased to add to report that the amount of merchant ship tonnage shows a decided improvement, being 475,140 tons—the largest in any half year since 1900—which may be considered a hopeful sign, as this class of work is undoubtedly the backbone of our business.

The conditions of the Ladies' Kinnison race were:—Ladies to stand in a line near the grand stand, competitors to gallop to a starting post, remove bridle from pony and tie pony up with the head rope. Carrying the bridle, competitors to run to their nominators, to whom each one handed his tunic, with the buttons and chain straps off. Ladies were to affix the buttons and straps and assist their nominates to put the tunics on again. Then competitors returned to pony, replaced bridle and galloped to the winning post. The ladies proved adept at putting on the trooper's buttons, except one or two, and Troop Sergeant-Major Moxon was first dressed. However, Trooper Dupree was mounted first, but he was dismounted, and Trooper Howard (nominated by Mrs Bellis) won, with Trooper H. B. L. Dowbiggin (nominated by Mrs Bellis) second, and Troop Sergeant-Major Moxon (nominated by Mrs Moxon) third.

The led pony race had its laughable features, for some of the led ponies evinced a disposition to explore other portions of the ground instead of following by the side of the other pony. The course was shaped like the figure eight. Trooper Master, leading Trooper Vernon's pony won from Trooper Dupree (with Lieut. Ross' pony) and Trooper Hall was third.

A miniature battle display was given in the Victoria Cross race, in which the competitors had to ride to the rescue of comrades prone on the ground, under fire of an imaginary enemy. In order to make the event as difficult as possible Chinese crackers were brought into requisition and the Chinese ponies plainly showed their dislike to the sounds of musketry and the powder fumes. Trooper Hall made an excellent start, getting first away from the scene of carnage, but Trooper Dupree came along fast in pursuit and the two galloped past the winning post level, while Trooper Master was not far behind, third.

Some of the dummies representing the wounded men received a severe handling, which made many of the spectators thankful that wounded men were not there in reality; some at least would certainly have preferred to be left on the field than to be so vigorously rescued.

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Troopers Master and Dupree won the running and leading race comfortably from Troopers Hall and Morley, with Troopers Howard and Dowbiggin third.

The message race was a test of the capabilities of the troopers as dispatch riders. In half the competitors the message was read out, and they then rejoined their partners to whom they communicated the message. The latter, after firing two rounds of ammunition, doubled to the table and wrote the score on to it in favour of the Corinthian, who had had slightly the better of the game.

In the second spell the Corinthian opened the attack, two shots by Cooke being successfully blocked. Then from loops play on the eastern side the ball was passed to Ward, who was several yards of Humphreys. For a second or two, Ward seemed undecided whether to pass or try a long shot. He chose the latter and beat Cooke, the ball going into goal very cleanly. The applause was deafening. Fairly even play followed, then Cooke got away on the western wing to the finishing post. The message was as follows:—

"Ride to the Volunteer Camp near Ho Shing Hoong; tell him, the Officer commanding the Troop, to occupy without delay the blockhouse at Kong Tai Ho and the police station at Shatauk, placing six men and a N.C.O. in charge of each place, with 200 rounds of ammunition per man, and three days' rations. With the balance of his troop he is to patrol the telephone

## SPORTING.

## The Troop Gymkhana.

## A SUCCESSFUL FINISH.

The weather was favourable for the Hongkong Volunteer Troop Gymkhana on Saturday afternoon, though perhaps a trifle warmer than was agreeable to the spectators and contestants. The attendance was large, ladies in particular being well represented; His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, Lady Lugard and party, Sir Francis Piggott (Chief Justice), Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., Hon. Mr. F. H. May (Colonial Secretary), His Excellency Major General Broadwood, C.B., and the Hon. Mr. W. Ross Davis (Attorney General) were also among those present.

On the whole the events were keenly

contested, and the Gymkhana will rank as

the most successful yet held by the Volun-

teer Troop.

Trooper W. S. Dupree proved

himself the most adept at the various

events and came out with the best aggre-

gate; Trooper R. F. C. Master was second;

Trooper G. K. Hall Bruton was third;

Trooper T. C. Vernon, fourth; and Troop

Sergeant-Major G. C. Moxon, fifth.

The opening event was lemon cutting

with swords. Competitors, who were

mounted, commenced with their swords at

the slope, then while galloping to the pos-

ture from which the lemons were suspended,

cut, one and two, had to be made on the

right, then slope swords and return. Each

competitor was allowed two runs, the best

then to have an extra run.

Trooper T. C. Vernon won from Trooper

R. F. C. Master, with Trooper W. S. Du-

pre.

In heads and posts, where competitors

started at the slope, then engage and as-

sault, the first cut was on the right, then

point on the left; cut two and four on the

right and point four on the left. Similar

conditions applied as in lemon cutting and

the judges singled out Trooper H. W.

Leaker; Trooper F. G. Hall and Troop

Sergeant-Major G. C. Moxon for first,

second and third places respectively.

The tent pegging by half sections re-

sulted in good competition. The ponies came

along at a good pace and dexterity was

shown in the pegging by the riders. No

doubt the practice gained in the Gymkhana

Club's tent pegging events is responsible

for the improvement shown in this respect.

Troopers R. F. C. Master and W. S.

Dupree won with Troop Sergeant-Major

G. C. Moxon and Trooper L. N. Lees

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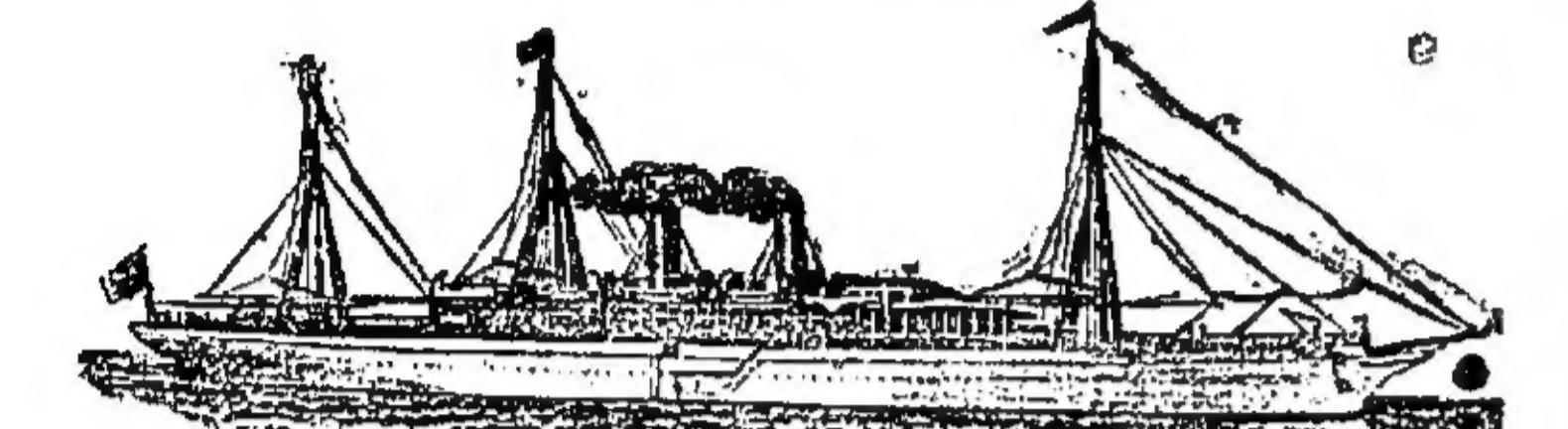
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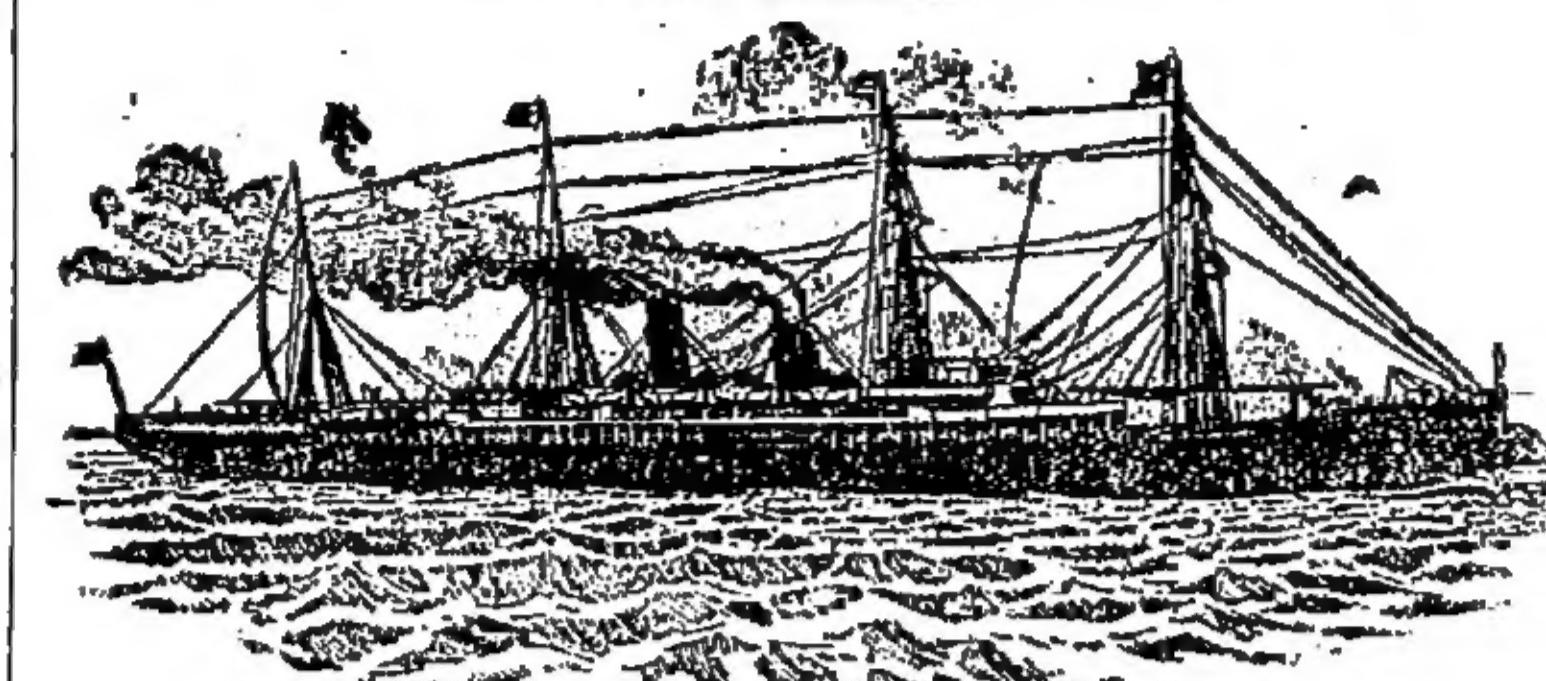
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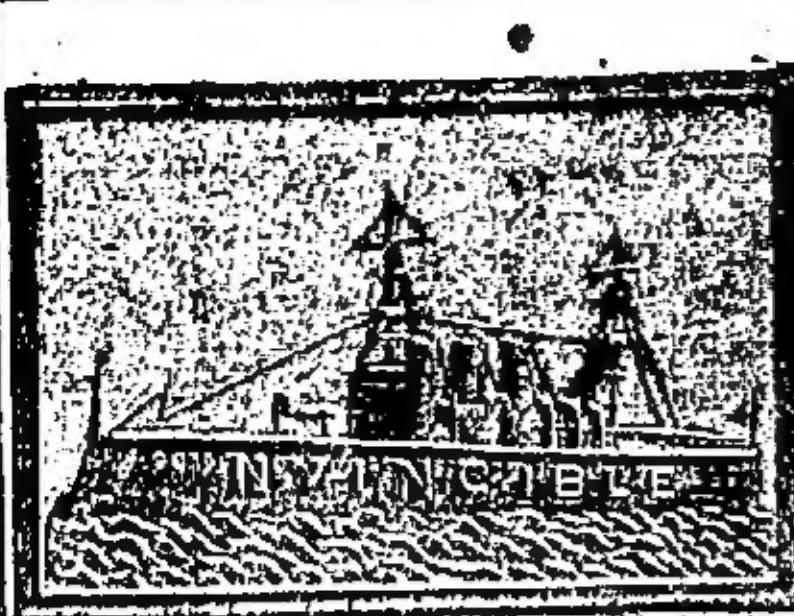
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BIRTH.

BEIJING.—At 150 Praya East, on the 18th instant, the wife of A. BRYAN, of a Son.

DEATH.

SMITH.—At Government Civil Hospital, on 17th inst., at midnight, GEORGE SMITH, M.A., B.Sc., & GORE, 15, St. Bride St., M.C.; BATES, HENRY & CO., 81, Cannon Street, E.C.; SUPERINTENDENT, Shipwright, Kowloon Dock. Aged 48 years. A native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, August 21.—  
11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at No. 42, Morrison Hill Road.

Goods per Shands not cleared at 4 p.m., on this date subject to rent.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1907.

THE COLONY'S SCHOOLS.

The yearly report of the Inspector of Schools which deals with the results of education in Hongkong for the year 1906 lies before us. It contains much interesting and some critical matter.

With the exception of Queen's College, all other pedagogic institutions of the Colony are passed under review, and the results of the year's work are summarized in a brief report on each school that depends either directly or indirectly on the Government for financial assistance. The division adopted by the Inspector classes the schools as Government, and Grant-in-aid. The Government schools are under the direct control of the Government. The Grant-in-aid schools are managed by the several branches of the Missionary Societies at work in Hongkong, and the Government provided that its demands are recognised, gives the respective managers a grant in aid of current expenses, if the examination is satisfactory at the close of the year.

There is another division, however, possible, and for practical purposes more easy to understand. There are schools for the children of British parents, schools for the non-British children, who wish to acquire the English language, and purely native schools. There are only two schools for British children, one of which is at Kowloon, and the other at East Point. The Government District Schools, of which Wantse is typical, in which the English language is taught and a modern curriculum arranged, seem to be popular and effective. These schools are intended to be feeders for Queen's College, and certainly after a youth has spent three or four years in these affiliated schools, he should be in a position to profit much by a further three or four years in this more ambitious centre of learning. The education given in most of the Grant-in-aid schools seems to be very elementary, and in some cases the results seem unsatisfactory. Several of these are marked "incompetent." This, it may be observed, however, does not necessarily mean that the teaching given is "incompetent," though in some such appears to be the inference; it may mean that in these Grant-in-aid schools, the scholars are so few and so young that the Government Inspector has decided that they should be closed, as the money spent thereon can be better employed in other ways. A chart is given in order to compare the attendance of scholars during recent years in the different kinds of schools of the Colony. A comparison of results during the last twelve years has been made and is here published. The results are interesting. There has been a gradual increase of scholars in the schools where English is taught. In 1895 the numbers were 2000. This year they amount to 3350. On the other hand fewer scholars attend the Grant-in-aid vernacular schools. One fact worthy of note is the increasingly large number of private schools, where the master and scholars go their own way, untrammeled by Government regulations, and unfurnished by Government grants. In 1902 only six hundred

Chinese children were learning English in Government schools; in 1906 there were 1350. In 1897 scholars to the number of 2000 were taught their own vernacular therein, and last year there were 3200. The organization and administration of the schools of the Colony show a steady advance. There is an increase also in the fees received from the scholars attending Government schools.

In 1905 the fees amounted to \$9,783.50;

in 1906 the sum of \$14,905.00 was collected.

Thus whilst the gross expenditure for the upkeep of these schools increased by only \$1,250.04,

the increase in school fees amounted to \$5,121.50.

Indeed, in the six years

of which the income from this source has been published, the fees have increased from \$1,132.50 to \$14,905.00.

This seems to show that parents are quite willing to pay for the education of their children, and that the introduction of monthly fees in no way interferes with an ever-increasing attendance.

On education generally, the Government does not expend a very large sum—only, in fact, 2.23 percent of the gross income of the Colony.

The entire sum devoted to this object during 1906 was \$153,373.

A new departure in education was attempted at the suggestion of the Home Government in 1905.

By the aid of magic lanterns "visual instruction" was introduced.

The object of this was to promote "a better knowledge of the Mother Country among the schools of the Empire."

It has been found, however, that it was very inconvenient and almost impossible, on account of the heat, to give the scholars the advantage of this kind of instruction between the months of May and October.

However, courses of these lantern lectures, illustrative of English life, were given at several of the schools, and the reports show that interest was created and a more intelligent knowledge acquired of the Home Country.

Some interesting examples are given demonstrating the accuracy of the knowledge obtained.

It was asked "What was the general plan of a village or small country town?" What buildings would you expect to find there? And what are their uses?" The following answer was given by an English girl.

"In a small village or country town we generally find a church, and next to it the village school, the squire's house and a few cottages.

The squire is the leading man in the village and possesses most of the land.

The village church is used for the villagers to come and worship.

The school is usually under the control of the vicar, is used for the children of the villagers to be educated."

On the whole, in spite of difficulties, educational facilities in Hongkong are increasing,

and the number of children under

instruction is larger than before; a sound

elementary education, both in English,

and in Chinese is now easily attainable.

Among the new ideas borrowed from the West and now receiving attention from the more thoughtful of the advanced party in China is one concerning the practical utility of keeping once in each week a rest day.

The proposal, as mooted in the schools of the new time, gives food for reflection,

especially to a certain section of our populations in Western lands who set

less store than did their forefathers on

the observance of one day in seven, to meet the requirements of the tripartite

nature of man. In China it is in-

structive to observe the progressive

enlightenment of admitted leaders and

recognised guides on the adaptation

of institutions to conditions.

In the steady advance lie hope for the nation

at length attaining to the things best

suited for her fullest development

on the soundest lines.

What is now proposed is that in all schools where the Government exercises official control

there shall be at intervals of seven days

cessation for one day of the ordinary

work of the school; and on that day the

Sacred Edict shall be read, expounded

and enforced, with special reference to

its ethical suggestiveness to the youth

of the present age.

To teach loyalty, patriotism, devotion to duty, and above

all, allegiance to the Sovereign, in the

object to be sought, and in the special

means of effecting it China is content

to borrow suggestions from the

Christian Sunday and the Christian

schools and churches.

It is one of the enigmas which

puzzles Western onlookers to find the

many-sided and astute Shun, who has

been governing from Shanghai, in

matters that seemed to specially call

for his intervention in the Southern

Viceroyalty, left by the Emperor and

Empress Dowager to mourn his own

futility in trying the patience of those

Royal personages till the quality was

strained to breaking point. The latest

news from Canton bodes ill for the

railway schemes in which Shun was

looked upon as chief official promoter.

On the day that intelligence was